

DOCKET NO. 2019-335-T, ORDER NO. 20\_\_\_\_-  
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**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2019-335-T –  
ORDER NO. 2020-**

Application of Affordable Movers SC, LLC  
for a Class E (Household Goods)  
Certificate of Public Convenience and  
Necessity for Operation of Motor Vehicle  
Carrier

**ORDER GRANTING CLASS E  
HOUSEHOLD GOODS  
CERTIFICATE STATEWIDE  
AUTHORITY**

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Application of Affordable Movers SC, LLC ("Applicant" or "Affordable Movers SC, LLC") to amend its Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPC&N"). Applicant seeks a CPC&N with authority to move household goods throughout the state. Notice of this Application was timely published pursuant to S.C. Code Reg. 103-132 on November 5, 2019 in The State newspaper, and November 6, 2019 in the Greenville News, the Spartanburg Herald-Journal, and the Post and Courier. No third parties intervened, and a hearing on the Application was held on January 15, 2020.

The parties at the hearing were the Applicant, represented by Rachel McConoughey, and the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), represented by Jenny R. Pittman. The ORS informed the Commission it did not oppose Affordable Movers SC, LLC's application.

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Affordable Movers SC, LLC called its CEO, George R. Wilkinson, IV, as a witness. Mr. Wilkinson owns and operates Affordable Movers SC, LLC. He also owns and manages several rental properties and recently started his business as a household goods mover. Mr. Wilkinson believes South Carolina's rapid population growth will provide an opportunity for his household goods moving business. He plans to reach customers by advertising on Google, using search engine optimization, social media, and by word of mouth. He does not have any outstanding orders or court judgments against him and agrees to comply with the Commission's rules and regulations.

Applicant is exempt from having a safety rating from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Mr. Wilkinson also testified that there are no complaints or judgments against Affordable Movers SC, LLC, no judgments against him personally either, he has adequate equipment and facilities to provide moving services, and has adequate financial resources. Affordable Movers SC, LLC has obtained appropriate insurance. Applicant will use the tariff and bill of lading approved with this application. Applicant certified that it is familiar with and will comply with all applicable statutes and regulations. Affordable Movers SC, LLC has purchased a truck and will have two employees with prior experience in the moving business. Mr. Wilkinson plans to grow the business gradually over the next five years.

Applicant submitted the affidavit of shipper witness, Murrill Boitnott, a realtor with Keller Williams in Greenville, which was submitted prior to the hearing with permission from the Commission. Order No. 2019-139-H. Mr. Boitnott, a realtor with Keller Williams, testified that he is familiar with the need for household goods movers because he deals with people who have bought and/or sold their homes on a daily basis. Mr. Boitnott said the

public interest would be served by granting a CPC&N to Affordable Movers SC, LLC.

Affidavit, 5. Mr. Boitnott is acquainted with the Applicant's principal, George R. Wilkinson, IV, whom he described as "a hard worker." Affidavit, 6.

The Commission finds Affordable Movers SC, LLC has demonstrated that it is fit, willing, and able to operate as a household goods mover under S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-23-330 and S.C. Code Reg. 103-133. We also find that the public convenience and necessity is not already being served by existing authorized services. Therefore, Affordable Movers SC, LLC's Application for statewide authority should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The Application of Affordable Movers SC, LLC for a Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is approved for the Applicant to transport household goods to points and places throughout the state.
2. Upon compliance with S. C. Code Section 58-23-10 *et seq.*, and the applicable regulations for Motor Carriers, a Certificate will be issued by the Office of Regulatory Staff authorizing the motor carrier services granted herein.
3. The motor carrier's services authorized by this Order will not be provided prior to compliance with the above-referenced requirements and receipt of a Certificate.
4. Failure of the Applicant to either 1) complete the certification process by complying with the Office of Regulatory Staff requirements within ninety (90) days of this Order, or 2) to request and obtain from the Commission additional time to comply with the requirements stated above, will cause this Order granting the Application to

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be null and void, and the Application will be dismissed without prejudice. No further order of this Commission is necessary.

5. Under the two-month reporting requirement continued in Order No. 2014-443 (May 21, 2013), the ORS is requested to furnish the name and docket number of the Applicant to the Commission, should the Applicant fail to meet the present Order. If such notification is provided, the docket will be closed.

6. This Order will remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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Comer H. "Randy" Randall, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Justin T. Williams, Vice Chairman

**BEFORE**  
**THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA DOCKET NO.**  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, **Rachel McConoughey**, hereby certify that I have, on this the 23rd day of December, 2019, served the **PROPOSED ORDER GRANTING CLASS E HOUSEHOLD GOODS CERTIFICATE STATEWIDE AUTHORITY** for **AFFORDABLE MOVERS SC, LLC**, upon the parties listed below by electronic mail:

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